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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR; FR; US

SUBJECT: FRENCH NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY

1. THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO DELIVER  
TO DE GUIRINGUAD, ON URGENT BASIS, LETTER TEXT OF WHICH  
FOLLOWS:
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR LOUIS: BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW  
MADE IMPORTANT PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF  
HOW TO RECONCILE THE DISTINCTIVE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF  
NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS AND THE NEEDS OF CONSUMERS, AGAINST THE  
BACKGROUND OF PROLIFERATION RISKS INHERENT IN THE EXPORT OF  
CERTAIN FORMS OF NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. YOUR RECENT COMMENTS  
TOUCHING ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS  
ASSOCIATION WERE MOST WELCOME, AND THEY ADD TO MY CONVICTION  
THAT OUR BASIC GOALS ARE THE SAME, AND THAT OUR APPROACH TO  
MANY OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES IS ESSENTIALLY PARALLEL.

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3. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE

ACHIEVED, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUPPLIERS' TALKS. THE PROMINENCE WHICH FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE IN THE MARKET-PLACE AS EXPORTERS, AND THE INFLUENCE THAT PARALLEL FRENCH AND AMERICAN POLICIES CAN HAVE ON THE VIEWS AND PRACTICES OF OTHERS, SUGGEST THE NEED FOR MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE APPROACHES.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, I THINK IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF WE WERE TO EXPLORE IN SOME DETAIL -- THROUGH A PRIVATE AND VALID CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION -- WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS IN MIND WITH HIS CALL FOR A PERIOD OF "MAXIMUM RESTRAINT" IN SENSITIVE EXPORTS, AND HOW THIS MAY CORRELATE WITH THE THIRD POINT OF YOUR RECENT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH CALLED FOR "STRENGTHENED PROVISIONS, AND GUARANTEES IN THE FIELD OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY." IT IS IN THIS AREA THAT WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT, AND I WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT.

5. ALTHOUGH WE WILL OF COURSE BE IN A PERIOD OF TRANSITION TO ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, THESE ISSUES ARE OF CONTINUING IMPORTANCE AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT NOW EXIST TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.

6. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.  
KISSINGER

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